

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, February 1, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRAYER – The Prayer was given by Councilor Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Arnone, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Sarno, Stokes and Szewczak. Councilors Bosco and Lee were absent. Also present were Acting Town Manager, Lee Erdmann; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, Christopher Bromson; Director of Social Services, Pamela Brown; Director of Public Works, Jonathan Bilmes; Roads Engineer, Donald Nunes; Chief Technology Officer, Paul Russell

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Kaupin made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #3487 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Deni to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2016 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3487** adopted 9-0-0.

MOTION #3488 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Stokes to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3488** adopted 9-0-0.

MOTION #3489 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Stokes to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3489** adopted 9-0-0.

MOTION #3490 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Stokes to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2016 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3490** adopted 9-0-0.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Former Councilor, Cynthia Mangini

Chairman Kaupin read a proclamation honoring former Town Council member, Cynthia Mangini, for serving on the Town Council from 1997 to 2015.

Ms. Mangini stated it was an honor and a pleasure to serve the Town of Enfield to the best of her ability. She noted she is currently attending law school.

Youth Council, WACC

Representatives from the Enfield Youth Council and Asnuntuck Community College were in attendance. It was explained that Asnuntuck's radio station, WACC, works in partnership with the Enfield Youth Council and provides public service announcements relating to issues such as drug prevention, the prescription drop box at the Enfield Police Department, and the station highlights Town departments and the services offered by those departments.

Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee

Present for this presentation were the Chairman of the Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee, Randy Daigle and Committee member, Gina Sullivan; Gilbane Project Executive, Amar Shamas; Construction Solutions Group representative, Jim Giuliano

Mr. Daigle commended the committee for all their hard work and expressed appreciation from the Town for all their support. He commended Gina Sullivan for her work in communications and their website.

He stated this project is about 65% complete, on schedule and under budget.

Mr. Shamas provided slides showing the work currently underway.

Mr. Daigle stated they did encounter problems that could have thrown the project behind schedule, but with everyone working together, they overcame those problems.

He noted they were able to allow the Police Department to use the "D" wing for active shooter training, and the fire department did some training as well.

Councilor Szewczak requested the Committee explain the difficulties with the phone system. Mr. Daigle stated they were doing what's called sole sourcing, and the State doesn't like to do this, but rather they like things put out to bid. He noted there was a

procedure where they had to submit to the State in order to get specific material and products, and there was a lot of paperwork involved with that. He noted the product wasn't received in time when it was needed. He pointed out this is a very technical/IT type of building.

Councilor Szewczak stated when there's a problem, the Committee worked tirelessly to resolve the problem.

Councilor Hall stated this committee has devoted many hours of work in this project, and this took an amazing amount of commitment. She thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Councilor Arnone thanked the committee for all their hard work and effort. He noted there have been little to no complaints about this project, and it looks good.

Chairman Kaupin thanked the committee for their work and expressed his appreciation for this update. He told the committee to never hesitate in approaching the Town if anything is needed.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Jeff Cross, 1116 Enfield Street

Stated he's speaking as a concerned taxpayer of the Thompsonville Fire District. He feels it's not stressed enough that there are five separate fire districts in Enfield, and they're all separate municipalities with their own tax base to supply services. He stated the Town Hall is protected by the Thompsonville Fire District with no reimbursement from the Town itself. He noted the Town of Enfield receives PILOT funds (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) from the State regarding Asnuntuck Community College, however, none of those funds are distributed to the fire districts, especially the Thompsonville Fire District.

Mr. Cross stated the Town of Enfield charges the Thompsonville Fire District over \$140,000 for tax collection service. He went on to note the Town of Enfield charged the Thompsonville Fire District \$150,000 for the corner piece of property. He pointed out a good portion of the property in Thompsonville is non-taxable. He stated this places a large financial burden on the Thompsonville taxpayers.

He stated as a concerned taxpayer of Thompsonville, he wants the Council to know Thompsonville taxpayers are getting very frustrated that their tax base has been depleted and continues to be depleted. He pointed out the closing at the mall will place more stress on taxpayers. He noted the Town Council has made it quite clear they are on their own.

Lori Longhi, 1427 Enfield Street

Spoke about the Enfield Community Development Corporation (ECDC) and the information recently posted on Facebook and an article in the Hartford Courant.

Ms. Longhi stated she sat on the Transition Committee with Councilors Lee and Sarno and Peter Bryanton in the summer of 2010. She noted the Committee proposed the following recommendations:

- Posting and publishing the financial information about the non-profit on the non-profits website.
- Adopting compensation policies to insure the full board is aware of them
- Insuring the review of current financial statements
- Adopting internal controls to insure accountability
- Creating a culture of transparency and accountability

Ms. Longhi questioned what happened. She stated before there's any request for money, the Community Development Corporation should be posting all of their financial accounting. She noted the ECDC needs to have their own meeting and let the public ask questions of them.

She stated after the Committee made these recommendations, during an October, 2010 Council meeting, Councilor Edgar stated he had a problem with the Council having no control over this organization. She noted Councilor Lee stated that it was his understanding that there was going to be a measure of public record that would allow following this organization, and Mr. Bryanton stated that's correct. She noted Attorney Fallon pointed out that the people that joined the Board of Directors have a duty to do the right thing. She stated Chairman Kaupin noted there are stopgaps in case the Board of Directors go rogue. She noted Chairman Kaupin pointed out there are liaisons appointed by the Town Manager and the Mayor and that it's staffed by Development Services. She stated they then appointed Darren LaMore, Katherine McKinnon, Robert LeMay and Jason Jones. She noted it appears two of the four original board members may have been dismissed. She stated it appears one may have resigned at some point, and one is still on the Board. She noted she's not sure where Mr. Bryanton fits into this because there are no minutes for the whole time period of this Development Corporation.

Ms. Longhi stated her belief that after a review of the available financials, there are a lot of questions needing answers, and the Board should be answering those questions and not the Town Council.

She noted she is not blaming the Council, however, the Council did tell the public that there were guards out there. She stated if this Corporation is to survive, they must answer these questions and do what's recommended in the first place before coming to the Town of Enfield for a bailout.

Colleen Reidy, 1116 Enfield Street

Stated on November 16, members of the Thompsonville Fire Commission attended the Town Council meeting to address some concerns. She noted it was their hope to open up communication with the Town Council regarding the Commission's concerns with the Thompsonville Fire District tax base, the longevity of the mall corridor and concerns with the train station.

Ms. Reidy pointed out the Enfield Mall is a huge contributor to the Thompsonville Fire District tax base. She noted in November, Macy's announced closure of its Enfield Mall Store, and there are other stores that have closed leaving the mall practically empty. She stated her understanding this mall is also in Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

She stated the Enfield Community Development Corporation is located in Thompsonville, and this non-profit organization works on redevelopment projects mostly in Thompsonville. She noted on December 1, 2015, the Hartford Courant reported that two employees of the non-profit were relieved of their duties in October, 2015. She stated on January 29, 2015, it was reported that due to mismanagement of funds the group is currently looking for a \$200,000 loan from the Town of Enfield taxpayers.

Ms. Reidy stated at the November 16th meeting, in response to the Thompsonville Fire District's concerns, the Council stated, "It's not a Town responsibility and not an Enfield issue, and we don't govern them, you do". She noted the Council also stated, "we deal with what we have". She noted in response to the ECDC's request for a \$200,000 loan, the Council's response should be the same. She pointed out this is not the Town's responsibility to bail them out, and this is not an Enfield issue, but rather it's an ECDC issue, and they should deal with their own issue. She stated what applies to the Thompsonville Fire District should also apply to the ECDC. She noted the Town does not govern the ECDC, and their answer to their request for a \$200,000 loan should be "no".

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilor Arnone requested an update on what's planned to get streetlights fixed, particularly on Town Farm Road. He questioned the status with the electrician and bucket truck to assist in the repair of streetlights.

He questioned what's actually contributed to fire stations, i.e., communications (dispatch), billing and filling fire trucks first aid kits. He questioned what the loss to the Town is by taking on the billing for the guaranteed 100% tax payment to the districts.

Councilor Arnone agreed with a lot of the points made by Ms. Longhi. He noted he was on the ECDC Board since June. He stated he is working on this issue. He went on to state Thompsonville is close to his heart, he grew up there, and he wants to see Thompsonville flourish.

Councilor Cekala stated registration is open for the Enfield Little League and the Enfield Girls' Softball Association. She noted the website for Enfield Little League is enfieldlittleleague.org, and the Enfield Girls' Softball website is leaguelineup.com

She requested an update on the Enfield Street School lights.

Councilor Szewczak stated Councilor Bosco requested an assessment of the fact that the Town provides fuel at a cheaper price and a lot of road maintenance for the fire departments.

MOTION #3491 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Stokes to move to Miscellaneous Items 14A1, A2, E, F, G and H.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3491** adopted 9-0-0.

Chairman Kaupin stated he attended the Associated Builders & Contractors of Connecticut Annual Meeting at the Aqua Turf. He noted he was invited to attend as a representative of Enfield because United Steel, Inc. was the company that erected all of the steel on the Fermi STEAM wing at Enfield High School. He stated United Steel was presented an award for their work at Enfield High School.

Chairman Kaupin questioned the potential for a traffic light on Enfield Street at Enfield High School's entrance. He noted there was a big traffic back-up on Route 5 in this area last week. Mr. Daigle was invited to comment on this.

Mr. Daigle stated a study was done at the beginning of the project regarding a traffic light, and the Committee would have liked a traffic light. He noted the State of Connecticut found non-justification for a traffic light in this area. He stated if the Town paid for the traffic light, it would cost between \$280,000 to \$350,000, and that would be outside of the project scope. He noted remaining funds from the project could be converted back to the Town, and the funds could be used for a traffic light, however, it would not be reimbursable from the State. He went on to note the driveway will be widened, and there will be a left and right-hand turn. He stated Route 5 will have a passing area so the cars won't be waiting should someone need to turn into the school.

Councilor Sarno stated she was on Planning & Zoning for this project, and she was a big advocate for a light on Route 5, and she's still an advocate for a light. She noted if the Town has to pay for it, so be it because it's well worth it for public safety.

Councilor Hall suggested reaching out to State representatives about a traffic light on Route 5/Enfield High School.

Councilor Arnone suggested some estimates be included in the budget for a traffic light on Route 5/Enfield High School.

Councilor Sarno stated her recollection there was discussion about having police presence during high traffic times at Enfield High School. Mr. Daigle noted this would be outside the project's scope, and this is something that the Town would have to do. He noted they have no jurisdiction to advocate funds to anything outside the property line. He stated in everything they do they try to seek reimbursement from the State at the 78% rate. He added they can't use any funds outside the project scope.

Councilor Edgar recalled when Enfield High School had high enrollment and there were multiple buses and cars, one of the duties of the police officer of that beat was to be there and direct traffic. He suggested looking into this to see if that would be feasible again. Mr. Daigle agreed that's a possibility, but that would have to come from the Town.

As concerns help coming from the Town for the fire departments, Councilor Deni stated \$260,000 was paid last year by the Town for a new antenna that was placed on one of the fire departments due to dead spots. He noted this is another example of the Town helping the fire districts.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Thompsonville Transit Center

Mr. Erdmann stated there was a meeting with consultants recently about the plan to bring a transit station to Enfield. He noted two conceptual designs were presented – the overhead option and the under/over track option. He stated representatives of Connecticut DOT asked for a response within the next 30 days regarding the Town's preference. He stated Councilor Lee had suggested perhaps the appropriate way to approach this would be to have a joint meeting between the Town Council and Planning & Zoning Commission along with representatives of the state and the consultant making a brief presentation. He noted the pluses and minuses of each of these options can be presented, and the Town can then have feedback before deciding on an option. He requested the Council think about how they'd like to proceed.

CIP Sidewalk and Crack Seal Programs

Mr. Erdmann noted the Council has before them Town maps that were presented to the Public Works Subcommittee recently. He stated one map concerns the crack seal program for the upcoming construction season, and that is about a \$260,000 budget item. He explained the second map is for the upcoming sidewalk program, which is about a \$100,000 budget item.

Enfield Schools Traffic Circulation Investigation

Mr. Erdmann stated last fall questions were raised about traffic circulation at several schools, therefore, the on-call engineers were asked to provide quotes for traffic studies. He noted three quotes came in from the Town's on-call engineers, and the lowest acceptable quote is VHB, and that quote was 25% lower than quotes from the other two firms. He stated for \$36,800 they can study traffic issues at five schools – JFK Middle School, Hazardville Memorial School, the Enfield Street School, the Prudence Crandall School and the Nathan Hale School. He pointed out there are funds in CIP to move forward with these studies, which are estimated to take about eight weeks. He noted in a couple months they will return to Council with the results of those studies.

LOTCHIP Grant-Freshwater Boulevard Pavement Rehab

Mr. Erdmann stated the Town received good news from ConnDOT concerning a LOTCHIP grant that the Town applied for, and they received a project agreement letter, which indicates that ConnDOT has reviewed and agrees with design and specifications for Freshwater Boulevard. He noted this is a \$1,251,600 project cost, which includes construction and inspection. He stated the Town of Enfield was responsible for the design, and VHB was the engineering consultant on this project. He noted the engineering cost came from the roads account, and the project is actually included in the 2015 referendum for roads, so this will actually free up \$1.2 million dollars, which the Council can consider for other projects in the future. He explained this involves a 3.5 inch overlay and the project is limited to 300 feet north of Cranbrook Boulevard to Elm Street, north bound and south bound.

Circle Drive

Mr. Erdmann stated he's happy to report they've been able to make an agreement with Tilcon that they will mill Circle Drive with a two-inch deep milling, and they will replace and reset all catch basin tops, manhole frames, covers, water gates, gas gates as required at the Town's expense. He noted they will crack seal the entirety of Circle Drive at the Town's expense. He stated after Tilcon does the milling at their own expense, the Town will pave the entirety of Circle Drive to a depth of 1.5 inches. He noted they're not planning to replace the existing curbing, and the estimated Town expense associated with this project is \$75,000 to \$100,000 as was discussed with Council. He stated it's anticipated the work will be completed before September 2, 2016.

Councilor Hall questioned the anticipated start date for the Freshwater project. Mr. Nunes responded it will be done before September, and it's a short project. He went on to explain this is the first project in the State of Connecticut that falls under the new set of requirements, which mandates that 25% of the total project value comes from an MBE, SBE or WBE enterprise.

Councilor Hall questioned if the businesses on Freshwater Boulevard will get plenty of notice before the construction begins, and Mr. Nunes responded yes.

Councilor Hall questioned whether they'll take into consideration all the sidewalks and handicap access, and Mr. Nunes stated they will be brought up to code.

Mr. Bilmes referred to a comment by Mr. Erdmann and noted he had also asked whether funds were already allocated in the roads, and he noted the answer is "no". He stated when the referendum was being put together, they already knew this project was in the queue, therefore, it wasn't included in all the projects. He stated this project is 100% funded, but it's not freeing up a like amount.

Councilor Szewczak stated her understanding the funds probably aren't there for the road, but something has to be done about that strip of land because it's deplorable. She feels the Town needs to do better about how it looks.

Councilor Szewczak stated she doesn't know who approved the tree trimming done near the car dealerships, but she feels they just butchered those trees. She stated the Town needs to improve its boulevards. Mr. Bilmes stated Daniel Edwards, Assistant Director of Public Works, has taken a look at Councilor Szewczak's concerns about the boulevards, and he has some ideas as to what can be done.

Councilor Sarno voiced concerns about vehicles parking on the roadway near Monro Muffler, and she stated her hope that has changed because this damaged the curb and shoulder of that road.

Chairman Kaupin requested clarification of the new set of state requirements mentioned by Mr. Nunes, and Mr. Nunes explained MBE stands for Minority Business Enterprise; SBE stands for Small Business Enterprise and WBE stands for Women's Business Enterprise. He noted 25% of the total contract has to be given to one of these types of businesses.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the Town Manager's office find a common date between the Town Council and Planning & Zoning Commission to schedule and publicize a meeting concerning the transit center.

Chairman Kaupin stated he received an email today from Rome, Smith and Lutz, the lobbying firm for CRCOG. He noted Governor Malloy released today the second of two \$30 million dollar installments of Town aid road funding. He stated Enfield is on the list for a total of \$535,090.99. Mr. Bilmes explained within the Town's CIP budget, the Town allocates almost all that money for the roads.

Councilor Szewczak requested an explanation on the sidewalk and crack sealing work. Mr. Nunes stated these roads were picked because when they did the study in 2014, these roads were candidates for routine maintenance such as crack sealing or light maintenance. He noted he checked all these roads, which amounts to about 145,000 linear feet amounting to about 27 miles of roadway.

Councilor Szewczak questioned the average PCI for those roads receiving crack sealing, and Mr. Nunes responded above 90.

Councilor Hall questioned whether the Council can email roads to Public Works if certain roads are cracked, but aren't on this map, or scheduled to be done in the next two years. Mr. Nunes stated he started this map with the base information of the global town survey. He noted other streets can be added, however, there will be more of a cost. Councilor Hall noted the connector between Simon Road and Town Farm Road wasn't done long ago, and it's totally broken down. She stated some of the Presidential streets contain huge cracks, and she doesn't believe they're on any radar to be done. Mr. Nunes

stated some roads in the Presidential section may be beyond crack sealing and may require a mill and overlay, and that's why they weren't included.

Councilman Hall questioned if the Council can email roads they're aware of, and Public Works can provide specific responses so they can provide answers to people. Mr. Bilmes stated they have a running list of roads not included, which amounts to about \$13 million dollars.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Bromson stated he's going through the list of all the pending litigation and cases for the Town, and he made a report at the last special meeting. He noted there will be another batch of cases to go through at the next special meeting in February.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Councilor Szewczak stated DPW has been meeting with Clean Energy to discuss the performance contract. She noted they're thinking about going out to referendum not on election day. She stated everyone needs to be on the same page regarding this. Councilor Deni stated one of the things discussed at the Clean Energy meeting was marketing this situation, and he's not in total agreement as to when the referendum should be. He noted the commission said they'd work with the Town Council and Honeywell to discuss marketing this so they can go to the public with better answers. He cited the example of Henry Barnard where new boilers were installed. He stated this is an \$11 million dollar project, and it's a cost saving to the town over time. He noted if that isn't done, they still have to put in new boilers, windows, etc.

Councilor Arnone stated he feels strongly this referendum should happen on Election Day when they have the full amount of voters coming to the polls. He noted they need time to educate the public before a referendum, and they should let Clean Energy help in that effort.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL & TOWN MANAGER)

All appointments remained tabled.

MOTION #3492 by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Sarno to remove Item F. from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3492** adopted 9-0-0.

MOTION #3493 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Deni to remove Item F. from the agenda.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3493** adopted 9-0-0.

All other Old Business items remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

All items remained on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION/RESOLUTION: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE DESKTOP ENGINEER JOB POSITION

Present for this discussion was Chief Technology Officer, Paul Russell.

Mr. Russell stated the primary function of a desktop engineer is to create a standardization of all computer access devices for the schools and the town, i.e., desktop computers, tablets, mobile devices. He noted this will allow for building images so that there's a common platform for all these types of devices that can be managed remotely. He stated this will also prepare them down the road as technology changes and allow for a quicker adoption of the newer technologies by utilizing centrally managed systems such as the Microsoft system configuration manager.

He noted this is a higher end position than what they have right now. He stated it's closer to a Network Administrator or Network Manager position, which is a little more sophisticated than what currently exists. He stated by doing this, they're anticipating the Lead Technician position will no longer be needed because this will be absorbed into that and also carry on those new networking roles of doing a centralized management solution.

Councilor Deni questioned whether they will be hiring someone new and eliminating a position. Mr. Russell explained they have someone in house at this time that's capable of doing this position, but there are some additional certifications from Microsoft that this person will pursue. He noted they're hoping to have this fully adopted by June.

Councilor Hall questioned how many open positions exist, and Mr. Russell responded one.

Councilor Hall questioned what it will be for net dollars at the end of the year that they are increasing come July. Mr. Russell stated they will see an increase of about \$49,000 to the bottom line just based on healthcare. He noted this reduction of the FTE is a reduction of \$55,000, therefore, they should still be in the positive by about \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Chairman Kaupin stated this item will appear on the next regular meeting agenda.

MOTION #3494 by Councilor Stokes, seconded by Councilor Arnone to approve the Consent Agenda.

\$3,500 Transfer – Town Attorney

\$3,600 Transfer – Youth Services Suicide Prevention

RESOLUTION #3495 by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Hall.

TO:	Town Manager		
	Other Professional Services	10120000-533900	\$14,650
FROM:	Town Manager		
	Medical	10120000-521000	\$14,650

/s/ John Wilcox, Acting Director of Finance

RESOLUTION #3496 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Stokes.

TO:	Youth Services		
	Other Professional Services	22040450 533900	\$5,000
	Travel	22010450 558000	\$7,000
	Food	22040450 563000	\$1,000

FROM:	Youth Services		
	Salaries	22040450 511000	\$12,000
	Misc. Contributions/Donations	22040450 417050	\$ 1,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of January 21, 2016.

/s/ John Wilcox, Acting Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3496** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3497 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Cekala.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4 establishes the Ethics Commission and Code of ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to amend Section 2-125(b) in order to be less restrictive for the number of votes necessary to set a date for a hearing if it is found there is probably cause after the investigation of a complaint; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been held in accordance with Charter requirements on December 7, 2015;

WHEREAS, it has been determined this is in the best interest of the Town of Enfield to make changes to Section 2-125(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby adopt the amendment to Section 2-125(b) of the Enfield Town Code from a vote of at least four (4) members to a vote of the commission.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3497** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3498 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Cekala.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VII, Section II of the Town Charter the Enfield Town Council does hereby amend the classification plan to include the following job description for the Town of Enfield for the following position:

Add: (1) **Regulatory Compliance Officer**

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3498** adopted 9-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Colleen Reidy, 1116 Enfield Street

Referring to the comment about gasoline, Ms. Reidy stated the Thompsonville Fire District paid to the Town of Enfield \$2.25 per gallon, which is tax free gas. She noted one can go to the pump and get premium for \$2.25. She stated they aren't getting that great a deal on gasoline.

She stated the Council should not be saying they're putting all this money into the fire department if there are dead spots for the fire department because there are dead spots for the police department. She noted the fire departments aren't getting as much free things as the Council claims.

Ms. Reidy stated the Thompsonville Fire District has tried to open up communications with the Town Council, and the Council has continued to be argumentative and not able to listen to the people. She noted they are treated as a totally different entity in Enfield. She acknowledged the Town is trying to improve Thompsonville, however, they are not listening to the taxpayers begging the Town to help them. She pointed out these people are also taxpayers of the Town of Enfield, and they're not just taxpayers of the Thompsonville Fire District.

Jeff Cross, 1116 Enfield Street

Stated he is an active member of the Concerned Taxpayers of Thompsonville. He stated the budgeting process that has taken place under the current commissioners of the Thompsonville Fire District is very transparent, very clear and so are the expenditures. He referred to the comment about the antenna, and noted the Town may have spent \$265,000 on an antenna, but it certainly wasn't the antenna that the Thompsonville Fire District uses because he knows there was a major discussion regarding that, and they're paying thousands of dollars with no help from the Town in regard to that antenna for the Thompsonville Fire District.

Mr. Cross stated if there are dead spots, the police have the same dead spots as the fire department, because if that antenna was to clear up dead spots, it was to clear up dead spots for the police as well as for the fire departments.

He stated the Thompsonville Fire District pays top dollar for anything that they receive from the Town of Enfield. He noted there's nothing that he is aware of that is shown in the budget that the Thompsonville Fire District receives from the Town of Enfield for free. He stated the fire department pays exorbitant fees. As concerns collection efforts, he noted through his career as an accounting manager and comptroller, he has worked for private organizations that collect funds, and the amount of money the fire district is paying for the collection of these funds is exorbitant.

Mr. Cross stated if car taxes end up going directly to Hartford, there will be a significant hit on the Thompsonville Fire District, and he estimates that to be at least \$350,000.

Mr. Cross referred to the train station and stated his hope the train station will be on the east side of the tracks and not in a residential section on the west side and where there's no parking area. He pointed out the abutting property is owned by Eversource and is contaminated, and he does not believe it's in the best financial interest to turn contaminated property into a parking lot for the train station.

Lori Longhi, 1427 Enfield Street

Stated she was also a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission, and members were very upset about the traffic light situation in the area of Enfield High School. She noted the Commission was told someone would be directing traffic in the morning and afternoon. She stated Rachel Blatt was requested to send a letter to DOT because P&Z wanted DOT to have the police reports because it was believed they didn't make the determination with the proper information. She noted they never learned whether anything ever came back or whether a letter went out.

Ms. Longhi stated perhaps they could take one building and do energy efficiency in that building, and the public can be given that as an example in energy savings.

She concluded stating the original recommendations made regarding the ECDC were good recommendations. She noted they need to start back at the beginning before they can go any further.

Robert Tkacz, Frew Terrace

Stated there's a great track record of the vehicle accidents at the entrance to Enfield High School. He noted every school that he drives by has police officers in the beginning and end of the day.

Mr. Tkacz stated there should be a forensic audit of the ECDC. He noted they have 13 personal loans with no indication that any of these loans have been repaid, and they total \$256,000. He noted there's no indication these people have been repaying these loans. He stated even before considering a loan, an audit should be done.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Arnone referred to the ECDC loans and pointed out they are two-year deferred state grant loans.

Councilor Arnone stated the Thompsonville Fire Department is unique from the other four fire departments. He noted their budget is extremely high because it's a full-time fire department. He acknowledged it's a tax burden for Thompsonville.

Councilor Hall questioned whether the Town of Enfield has contracts with individual fire departments as concerns what's supplied for services, i.e., gasoline, billing, etc. She noted she'd like to see those agreements. Attorney Bromson indicated he can look into this.

Councilor Szewczak questioned whether every fire district is treated fairly and equitably.

Chairman Kaupin stated the proposed stations that Connecticut DOT is building along the whole commuter rail is up and over.

Chairman Kaupin stated the Town buys gasoline, diesel and electricity in bulk, and they sign a contract for a year.

He suggested the fire district outline how they feel they're being unfairly treated by the Town and present those concerns to the Town Manager. He noted he likes the idea of having a subcommittee of the Council provide some answers and having an honest back and forth exchange. He stated his belief there's a lot of cooperative interactions that happen between the town and fire districts.

Mr. Erdmann stated he has a list that was presented to him that they're working on.

Councilor Arnone referred to performance contracting and noted they did energy efficiency work in two buildings, and he estimated there was about a \$10,000 savings in one year for one building.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #3499 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3499** adopted, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne F. Olechnicki
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne
Secretary to the Council

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ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

TO:	1300 Town Attorney		
	Legal	10130000-533200	\$3,500.00

FROM:	1300 Town Attorney		
	Health/Medical	10130000-521000	\$3,500.00

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of
January , 2016

John Wilcox, Acting Director of Finance

APPROVED BY: _____ Town Manager Date: _____

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

TO:	Youth Services		
	Materials & Supplies	22040450 561900	\$1,800
	Food & Food Related	22040450 563000	\$1,800

FROM:	Youth Services		
	Other Professional Services	22040450 53390000	\$3,600

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of
January 22, 2016

John Wilcox, Acting Director of Finance

APPROVED BY: _____ Town Manager Date: _____